

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a total of \$2,502,921 has been awarded to the Housing Authorities of the City of Fresno and Fresno County to make necessary improvements to public housing communities that will specifically address the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. Funding was released by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Public Housing Capital Fund. These funds were provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“These funds will not only assist our deserving seniors and persons with disabilities, but jumpstart our local economy with good construction jobs for our Valley,” Costa said. “It’s a win for the City, the County, seniors and for the Pacific Gardens and Sanger complexes.”

The Housing Authority for the City of Fresno received \$1,742,921 for the Pacific Gardens Complex and the Housing Authority of Fresno County received \$760,000 for the Sanger Elderly/Wedgewood complex.

These awards will give the housing authorities the funding necessary to modify existing public housing units to make them fully accessible or to convert them to be used as space for service provision for seniors and persons with disabilities, thereby helping them to live independently. Housing authorities can also use this funding to improve community facilities to make such spaces accessible and to provide additional space for supportive services targeted to these groups.